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Year	Town Meeting Date	Annual/Special	Chapter	Section	Article Number	Massachusetts General Laws Accepted by Chapter, Number
1930	8/27/30	STM	50	1	N/A	Official ballot must be used at Town Meetings for election of officers
1931	2/2/31	ATM	41	55	Article 14	Appoints Town Accountant (abolishes Town Auditor)
1938	2/7/38	ATM	130	57	Article 21	Instructs Selectmen to issue licenses
1938			54	103A	Article 24	Provides for absentee voting at regular elections
1939	2/6/39	ATM	130	48	Article 13	Selectmen to control taking of eels, shellfish and seaworms
1939			130	57	Article 14	Instruct Selectmen to issue licenses
1939			130	54	Article 15	Invest Selectmen with authority provided
1942	3/11/42	ATM	130		N/A	Repeal of articles 13, 14, 15 as Chapter 130 MGL was amended by Chapter 598, Acts of 1941
1942			?	56	Article 5	MGL as amended by Chapter 598, Acts of 1941. Re actions of Selectmen
1946	2/4/46	ATM	143	3,4,5	Article 37	Accepted building regulations under these sections
1946	3/29/46	ATM	48	42 - 44	Article 4	To establish a fire department
1946			41	81A	Article 38	To establish a Planning Board of five members
1946			48	42A		Rescinded in 1979; adopted Chapter 48, section 42A
1947	2/4/47	ATM	438		Article 17	Tri-Town Ambulance, Acts of 1945
1949	2/21/49	ATM	40	6A	Article 20	Pertains to advertising the Town
1949			282		Article 22	Acts of 1947. Pertains to posion ivy control

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1949			136	21 - 25	Article 36	Playing baseball on the Lord's Day
1951	2/19/51	ATM	30	81R	Article 19	Establish Board of Appeals in connection with Planning Board
1952	2/23/52	ATM	783,820		Article 36	Acts of 1950. Re pensions and retirement allowances
1952			781			Acts of 1951. Re pensions and retirement allowances
1954	2/15/54	ATM	41	97	Article 15	To establish a Police Department
1961	2/21/61	ATE	32B		Ballot question	Group insurance policies
1962	2/19/62	ATM	58	7A-7D	Article 17	Taxation (Repealed, 1979, 797, Sec. 7)
1964	2/18/64	ATM	40	21.1	Article 30	Prohibits unlawful public behavior including peeking and spying
1964			40	21.1	Article 31	Prohibits consumption of alcohol in public places
1964			40	21.1	Article 46	Prohibits consumption alcohol by persons under age 21
1965	2/15/65	ATM	85	11A	Article 17	Registration of bicycles
1965			41	97	Article 19	Conducting a hearing before dismissing police
1968	6/5/68	ATM	90	20C	Article 1	Provides for parking violations, tags, court appearances and fines
1975	6/23/75	STM	40	8G	Article 10	Mutual aid programs for Police Departments
1978	5/1/78	ATM	130	8A	Article 9	Authorize enforcement of Marine Fish and Fisheries Laws
1978	5/1/78	STM	40	22D	Article 3	rules and regulations for removal of vehicles parked or standing

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1978			956		Article 7	Acts and Resolves of 1977 charge for Municipal Lien Certificate
1979	9/4/79	STM	48	42A	Article 11	Rescinded MGL c48 s42. See 1988 for future reversal. Re Selectmen control of FD
1981	5/5/81	ATM	40	4G	Article 4	Rescinded 1990. Limit for bidding public contracts
1981	10/26/81	STM	90		Article 6	Sections 20A 1/2, 20C, 20D, 20E Parking clerk, illegal parked vehicles as amended
1981			71	71E	Article 5	To create a revolving fund
1981			148	26C	Article 7	Installation of smoke or heat detectors hotels, etc.
1984	5/7/84	ATM	597		Article 49	Acts of 1982. Prisoner of War vehicle excise exemption
1985	5/5/85	ATM	41	38A	Article 5	Designates Town Collector
1986	5/5/86	ATM	258	13	Article 58	Town Attorney defense of Town officials
1986	9/29/86	STM	64G	3A	Article 17	Local room occupancy excise at four percent rate effective January 1987
1986	9/29/86	STM	40C		Article 59	Establish Historic District and Historic District Commission
1988	5/2/88	ATM	59	57B	Article 9	Revoked 57A, adopt 57B - Personal Property Taxes
1988	10/25/88	STM	236		Article 18	Acts of 1987 Forfeited funds etc. for completion of constuction of ways - not to exceed \$25,000.00
1988			40	21	Article 11	subsections 23, 24: defines provisions for handicapped parking
1988			48	42	Article 21	Rescind Section 42A, adopt Section 42 Fire Chief control of Fire Dept.
1988			70A	5	Article 29	Equal Education Opportunity grant to Nauset Regional School District for FY 1989

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1988			73	3	Article 19	Real Estate exemptions for elderly persons
1990	5/7/90	ATM	40	8J	Article 9	Establishes Handicapped Commission
1990	9/10/90	STM	30B	4,5	Article 2	Limits bidding certain public contracts to \$10,000.00
1990	12/10/90	STM	32	22D	Article 8	Establish retirement system funding schedule
1990			59	5	Article 37	Clause 37A provides for \$500.00 real estate tax exemption for the blind
1990			40	4G	Article 3	Rescinds Article 4 of May 5, 1981 limited bidding on public contracts to \$4,000.00
1991	2/25/91	STM	44	53D	Article 8	Rec and Parks revolving service fund
1991	5/6/91	ATM	291		Article 6	Acts of 1990. Enhanced 911 service
1993	n/a	n/a	71	83	n/a	Acts of 1993. Early retirement options for teachers
1994	5/2/94	ATM	83	71	Article 29	To accept the provisions of Section 83 of G.L. Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1993, as amended, to provide for an early retirement option for Eastham Elementary Schools.
1996	10/21/96	STM	71	16B	Article 11	To accept the provisions of Section 16B of G.L. Chapter 71 - Reallocation of contributions to Nauset Regional School District.
1998	5/4/98	ATM	71	16B	Article 10	Reallocate member towns' contributions to Nauset Regional School District
1998	5/4 & 5, 1998	ATM	71	16B	Article 10	Accepted the provisions of Mass. General Law, Chapter 71, Section 16B to reallocate the sum of the member towns' contributions to the Nauset Regional School District.
2002	5/6/02	ATM	32B	9E	Article 18	Health insurance share for retirees
2002	5/6/02	ATM	32B	9E	Article 18	Accepted the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 9E to pay a share of health insurance costs for retired employees.
2002	5/6/02	ATM	32B	9D1/2	Article 19	Health insurance share for surviving spouses of retirees

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2004	5/3/04	ATM	59	5	Article 5	Clause 41C, as amended by Chapter 184, Section 51 of the Acts of 2002 and set the exemption eligibility for age at 65 years, income maximum of \$20,000.00 single and \$30,000.00 for married couples, whole estate limits of \$40,000.00
2004	5/3/04	ATM	59	5	Article 6	Clause 41A sets maximum gross receipts of \$40,000.00
2004	5/3/04	ATM	46	12	Article 8	Accepted the provisions of Chapter 46, Section 12, of the Acts of 2003, which amended G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 2, making them [Call Fire Department members] eligible for coverage under the Town's health insurance policy.
2004	5/3/04	ATM	114	27	Article 10	Establishing Board of Cemetary Commissioners
2004	5/3/04	ATM	41	108C	Article 11	Repeal Eastham Compensation Plan and Personnel By-law; replace with Personnel code
2004	12/13/04	STM	149	198	Article 2	establishes Community Preservation Act
2006	5/16/06	ATM	140	147A	Article 33	Amend town bylaws by adopting bylaw regulating treatment, keeping of animals and licensing of dogs
2007	5/7/07	ATM	59	5	Article 4	Establish minimum fair cash value of \$1,500 before personal property taxed
2007	5/7/07	ATM	32B	18	Article 18	Requires eligible retirees to utilize federal Medicare program for health insurance
2008	5/8/08	ATM	60	2	Article 17	Abatement of property taxes due under \$10.00
2008	5/8/08	ATM	44	55C	Article 32	Establish Eastham Affordable Housing Trust Fund
2009	5/4/09	ATM	40	57	Article 23	Denial of permits for non-payment taxes, fees, or any other municipal charges
2012	5/7/12	ATM	138	33B	Article 8	Regulations licensing sale of alcoholic beverages on Memorial Day and Christmas Day
2014	5/5/14	ATM	32B	20	Article 7	Creates "Other Post Employment Liability Trust Fund"
2014	5/5/14	ATM	40	6C,6D	Article 36	Regarding removal of snow and ice from private ways
2015	5/4/15	ATM	71	71F	Article 5	establish account for acceptance, expenditure tuition payments special needs students

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2016	5/2/16	ATM	39	23D	Article 18	Authorizes town board member absent to participate in remaining hearing sessions
2017	5/1/17	ATM	44	53E3/4	Article 6	Establish Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account from PEG Access Cable Account
2018	5/7/18	ATM	64N	3(a)	Article 24	Authorizing the Town to impose a local sales tax upon the sale of marijuana or its products
2018	5/7/18	ATM	64L	2(a)	Article 25	Authorizing local restaurant meals tax in the amount of .75 of gross receipts
2020	9/26/20	ATM	71	16B	Article 17	reallocate the sum of member towns' contributions to Nauset Regional School District
2021	6/12/21	ATM	59	5-22H	Article 6	Gold Star Exemption
2021	6/12/21	ATM	64G	3A	Article 8	Increase Rooms Excise Tax To 6%